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Congressman Ben Cardin - Maryland's Third District

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Dear Friends,

The House recently debated a resolution to stay the course in Iraq. I voted against that resolution because I strongly believe we need a change of course in Iraq - one that includes bringing American combat troops home.

Last December, Congress voted that 2006 should be a year of transition in Iraq. We need to send a message to the Iraqi government that U.S. troops will not remain in Iraq indefinitely. Although we should not announce a specific timetable for withdrawal of U.S. combat troops, I do believe it is reasonable for the United States to begin the process of removing troops this year, with a reasonable expectation that all U.S. combat forces will be out of Iraq by the end of 2007.

I also have called for an International Iraq Conference to work with the international community to build a lasting peace in Iraq.

Our nation has paid a heavy price in American lives and resources. More than 2,500 U.S. soldiers have died and 18,000 have been wounded. We have spent more than \$300 billion in Iraq. It's time to change course and develop a plan that will bring our soldiers home.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin  
Member of Congress

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## CONGRESSMAN CARDIN CALLS FOR A PLAN TO START BRINGING U.S. TROOPS HOME

Rep. Cardin speaks out on the floor of the U.S. House about the need for a meaningful strategy on Iraq that includes starting to bring our troops home. In 2002, Rep. Cardin voted against the resolution giving President Bush power to go to war in Iraq. Earlier this year, he sponsored legislation that would require the President to present Congress with a plan to bring our troops home.

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